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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS REQUEST INFORMATION ON US FOOD
AID PROGRAMS

REFS: (A) EC BRUSSELS 8738; (B) EC BRUSSELS 9202;
(C) EC BRUSSELS 9006; (D) OGDEN/WARNE TELE, SEPT. 20;
(E) CAVANAUGH/WARNE LETTER, SEPTEMBER 14

1. THE CHIEF OF EC COMMISSION FOOD AID PROGRAMS, ADAM SZARF, SUGGESTED THAT EC/US OFFICIALS MIGHT DISCUSS THEIR FOOD AID PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR. AS INDICATED IN REF A, THE COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY PREPARING ITS CY 1977 PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE ITS PLANS WITH THE US TO AVOID POSSIBLE OVERLAPPING OF COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS. SZARF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS ESTIMATES OF RECIPIENT COUNTRY FOOD AID NEEDS. HE SUGGESTS POSSIBLY MEETING WITH U.S. FOOD AID OFFICIALS WHEN THEY ARE IN EUROPE FOR UPCOMING DAC OR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM MEETINGS. SZARF WOULD WELCOME U.S. OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS OR COULD POSSIBLY ARRANGE TO MEET WITH THEM AT ANOTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT LOCATION.

2. SZARF MENTIONED AGAIN HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE 1977 U.S. FOOD AID PROGRAM (REF A), PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF
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ONGOING COMMISSION EFFORTS TO DECIDE ITS OWN 1977 PROGRAM.

ANY ESTIMATES OF COMMODITY NEEDS BY RECIPIENTS OR EARLY PLANNING
FIGURES ON U.S. SHIPMENTS DURING CY-1977 OR THE NEXT CROP YEAR
WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. COMMENT: THE MISSION SUPPORTS THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO
CORRDINATE FOOD AID EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE EC WILL
BE WORKING ON AN ENLARGED THREE-YEAR PROGRAM. HINTON

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